



WHY WE NEED THE BROADCAST FLAG

- DIGITAL TELEVISION SIGNALS ARE READY-MADE FOR UNAUTHORIZED INTERNET REDISTRIBUTION.
 - Digital nature of the signals means programming can be put on the internet with a lot less trouble than analog signals.
 - Standard definition and high definition programming will become available world wide on file sharing sites.
 - Could result in the loss of revenues generated in the various exhibition windows.
 - Could lead to the removal of high value content from over-the-air digital television stations.
 - Could lead to a slow rollout of DTV and the subsequent return of the analog spectrum





THE BROADCAST FLAG: THE MYTHS AND THE TRUTHS.

- MYTH: THE BROADCAST FLAG WILL PREVENT CONSUMERS FROM RECORDING OVER-THE-AIR DIGITAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMING.
 - FACT: The Broadcast Flag proposal is not intended to limit consumers' ability to record DTV content. It is designed to restrict the unauthorized redistribution of programming on networks like the Internet.
 - FACT: Generally, consumers will be able to record DTV content in much the same way they are able to record analog over-the-air content today.



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HATH: THE BROADCAST FLAG PROPOSAL, IF IMPLEMENTED BY THE FCC, WILL PREVENT PEOPLE FROM SHARING HOME VIDEOS.

FACT: The Broadcast Flag proposal does not affect the

distribution of home videos.

FACT: The Broadcast Flag, as proposed, protects over-the-air digital television programming from

unauthorized redistribution.

FACT: Whether over-the-air digital programming can or cannot be redistributed by the consumer is determined by

the content owner.





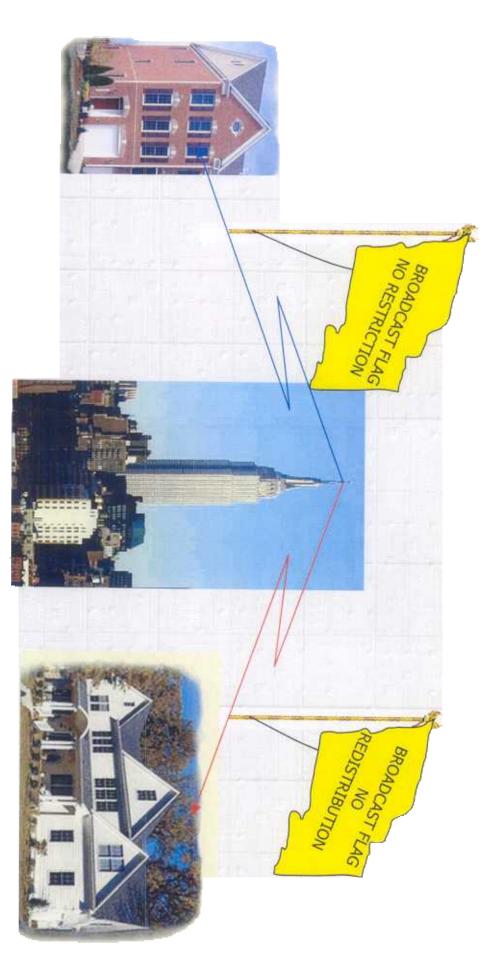
THE BROADCAST FLAG PROPOSAL

- THREE KEY COMPONENTS TO THE BROADCAST FLAG PROPOSAL
 - Design, selection and implementation of a way to signal receiving devices that DTV content is authorized or not authorized for redistribution. This is the actual Broadcast Flag.
 - Design, selection and implementation of the technologies that will actually protect the content from unauthorized distribution.
 - Establishment of legislation / regulations that will require the Broadcast Flag and associated technologies to be implemented.

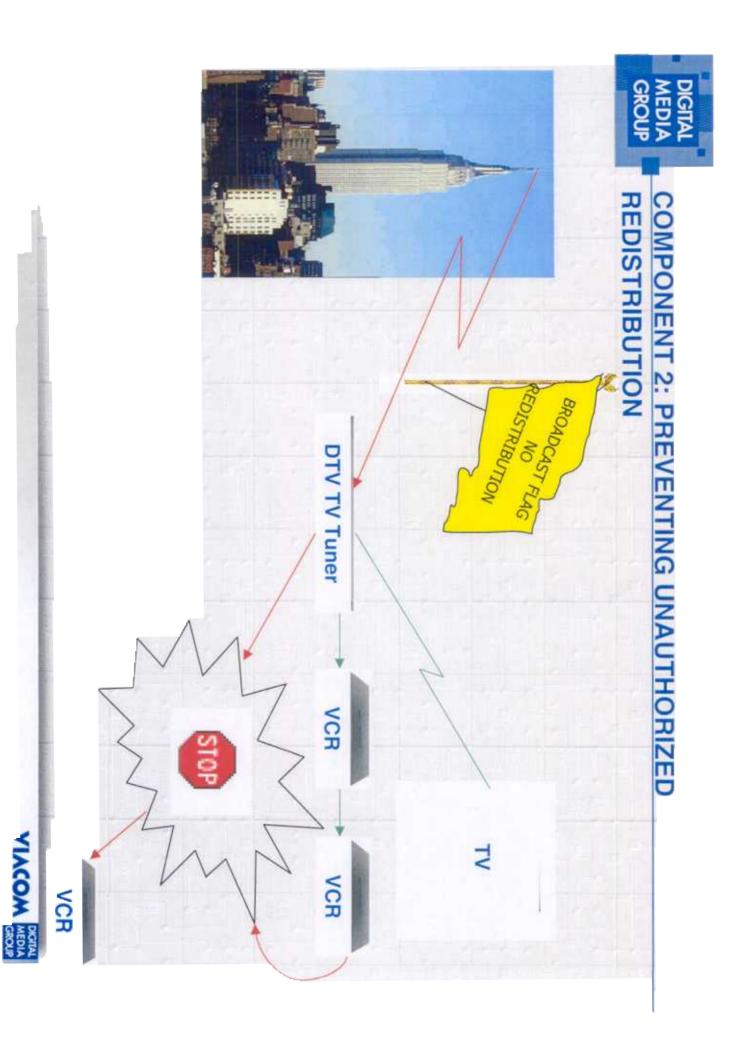




COMPONENT 1: SENDING THE BROADCAST FLAG

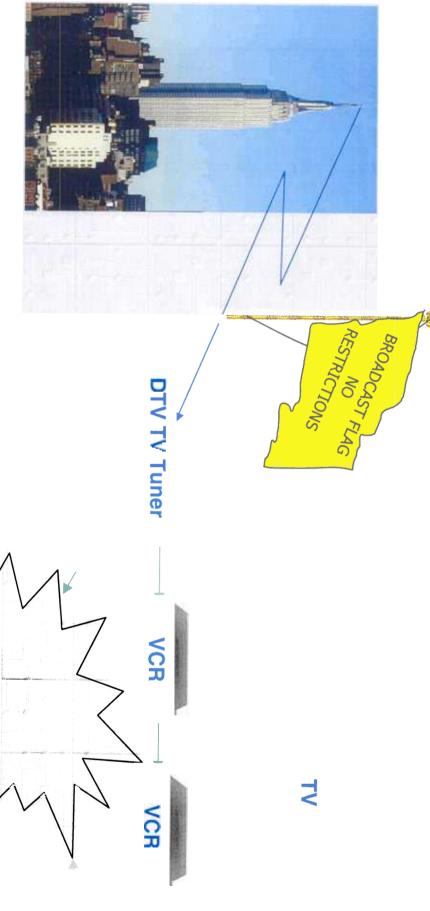








COMPONENT 2. DISTRIBUTION UNRESTRICTED



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COMPONENT 3: LEGISLATION / REGULATION OF PROADCAST FLAG TECHNOLOGY



TECHNOLOGY AND IMPLEMENTATION MUST BE A REQUIREMENT

DTV TV Tuner

